resigning from the service had been

Yet he walked out with his back Hardy stopped. straight and his head well up. He went directly to the White House and prise, "Is that all you have to say? sent in a written application for an There is still a minute." interview with the president. It was refused. He went to his lodgings and Ing. spent the remninder of the day and

a coacise statement of his argument against Vandervyn's contract. This he addressed to the president and statoped for mailing. He wrote nothing with regard to his own case.

When, near morning, he at last felt asleep, he was so near exhaustion that he did not waken until late. The hour set for the reconvening of the courtmartial had already come. He sprang into his uniform with a colority that might have reminded a fellow officer of reveille in cadei barracks at West-

The worn soles of his highly polpetiess old stairs by which he descends lowed ed to the street. He did not turn to. The president addressed Vandervyn; stepped fate the deerway and consumating your fadian contract," fronted him. The other officer saluted. dent's military aide,

"Captain Floyd Hardy?"

"At your service," upon the coart-martial," stated the charged Hardy. alde with cold soverity.

plied Hardy, "If not delayed, I shall lered officer," rejoined Vandervyn.

"You will come with me," interrupt- stated rather than inquired.

superiors." Hardy went white, but his jaw set military stiffness, his head and body dians?" half averted from his companion as if

The ride was short. The car made ter." a sudden turn, and curved around to "Ah, the laterpreter, you say? This plexed. The face of the nide showed, well for you to send for the man." only the stern watchfulness of one who has a reputedly dangerous prist even to oblige you, Mr. President, The oner under arrest. At the entrance he fellow has gone to the place where stepped behind, as if apprehensive that Hardy might attempt to escape. A doorkeeper conducted them along a corridor into a small waiting room, He passed into the room beyond, but reappeared in a few moments and

signed to Hardy to enter, Hardy stepped into the room, and the door was closed behind him. The nide and the doorkeeper had remained outside. Hardy looked around with a frown of perplexity. Across the room a man sat writing at a businesslike desk. There was no one else pres-

The man turned in his swivel chair and abruptly made a beckening gesture. Hardy's hand went up in salute as he stepped forward. He was in the presence of the commander in chief of the army and navy.

The president looked him up and down with a severe glance. "You are Captain Floyd Hardy?"

"Yes, sir." "The same who suppressed the late

insurrection in the Sulus?" "I happened to be in command at

the time, sir."

"After that you obtained a detail, your conduct in discharge of which has resulted in your trial by courtmartial on serious charges. I have before me the findings of the court. The circumstances are exceptional. Because of your record and of certain statements that have been presented to me, I have been persuaded to give you an opportunity to explain your

Hardy saluted. "Permit me, sir, to first present for your consideration a matter relating to the interests of the tribe which-"

"Stop!" ordered the president. "Others are waiting for interviews. I can give you only ten minutes. If you expend them on this other matter, you will have no further opportunity to state your own case."

"The evidence before the court-martial covered the facts, sir. If those facts systain the charges against me, then I am gullty, and desire no clemency. That is all I have to say on my own case, sir. With regard to the matter which I desire to present-"

"Sit down!" ordered the president. 'You have nine minutes. Be brief." Hardy seated himself and proceeded to present his argument against the erately, but with a conciseness that coming to Washington had Vandervyn ing a tax of 15 cents on the \$100 covered what he had to say fully and

Frue thought of voluntarily clearly, in words as forceful as they were few. The president listened athard. To be cashlered was almost un- tentively, but with no change in his expression. At the end of eight minutes

The president showed a trace of sur-

That is all, sir," replied Hardy, ris-

The president touched a call button. half the night drafting and redrafting but raised his finger. "One moment, What If I should confront you with

> As I have stated, sir, my only request is that all the witnesses in the ease be examined."

There are some already at hand, You shall see what they have to say about your charges?

The nide appeared and immediately went out again at a sign from the president. He returned with Vandervyn and Marie. At sight of Hardy the ung man stopped short, but, meeting the president's cordial smile, came forward with easy assurance. Marie ished shoes beat a tattoo on the car- did not look at Hardy, as she fol-

go in for a belated breakfast at the "Captain Hardy has declined to ask meager table of his landlady. He for elemency, I have decided to sushostened along the few feet of narrow tain the Finlings of the court-martial. hall to the street door. As he drew In the face of all this, he has had the It open, another man in uniform temerity to make a charge of fraud

Vandervyn noddedd "Captain Hardy Hardy responded mechanically. For is too skilled a strategist not to realize all his cool look, he was astonished. that the best way to shield himself is The man before him was the presis to raise the cry of stop thief? against others. Does he allege that the signatures to my contract are forged?

"The signatures are genuine. They "You should now be in attendance were obtained by fraud," bluntly

"My word is as good or perhaps "I shall explain to the court," re- somewhat better than that of a cash-

"You deny the charge," the president ed the aide, still more severely, "Your "Most emphatically," pleasantly

conduct has been brought to the at- agreed Vandervyn. He looked signifitention of the president. It is to be cantly from Hardy to Marie, "As a solseen, sir, whether you will continue to dier-until recently-the gallant caprefuse to answer the inquiries of your taln probably believes in the saying that all is fair in war and love." Marie lowered her eyes. The presi-

firm with grim resolution. He stepped dent looked thoughtful. "Of course, out beside the aide, and crossed the Mr. Vandervyn, there can be no quessidewalk to the waiting motor. As tion, when it is a matter of your word they were whirled away over the sleety against his. Yet were there any other asphalt, the aide sat with more than witnesses than yourselves and the In-"Your excellency evidently has not

to avoid contamination. Hardy sat seen the contract," said Vandervyn, "It as stiflly at the other extreme of the is duly witnessed by Charlie Redbear, the official interpreter, and by his sis-

Hardy looked at his companion, per- and even in the senate. It will be Vandervyn shrugged, "Can't do it,



"My Word's as Good or Better Than a Cashiered Officer's,"

cold storage is unknown. My uncle told you about the affair. The fellow was drunk; he simed his 'gun' at me. I supposed it leaded, and shot him in self-defense. Hardy was present. He mission; repeal of allowance of concan't deny what I say, without forswearing himself."

Hardy met the president's look of inquiry, and bowed in confirmation of the statement. The president again lishment by the state of a home for looked thoughtful. "That leaves the man's sister as the only witness to the contract. It would be well if she could be produced."

again shrugged. "Search has been from owning more than 10 per cent made for her, Mr. President. All that of the stock of any Missouri corporacould be learned from her Indian relatives was that she had been very sick | vented the McKinley system from and had gone away. Of course that building interurban lines out of St. meant to the happy hunting grounds. Louis to Missouri towns.) There was no other place that she could have gone."

The aide returned to the room lead- submitted to a vote at the next elecing a tall young woman who was tion: dressed in a Parisian tailored suit that Vandervyn had last seen on Marie. She was gloved and heavily velled, and she entered the room with tricts. perceptible timidity. Marie went to take her arm in a reassuring clasp and ing a state tax of 10 cents on the \$100 raise the veil. At no time since their

(To be continued)

SUMMARY OF WORK OF FORTY. NINTH MISSOURI GENERAL ASSIMBLY.

\$19.517.746 APPROPRIATIONS

Death Penalty Abolished-Vocational Training Provided For-Hotel Inspection Laws Revised-Banking Laws Changed.

Jefferson City.—The forty-minth → Public schools 6,505,515 ♦ general assembly, which wound up its work and formally adjourned March 19, appropriated \$19,517,745 from the revenues for the maintenance of the state government and its institutions during the years 1917 and

This is \$3,767,746 in excess of the revenues for the blennial period, including moneys derived from the tax bills, as recently estimated by Gov. Gardner.

The conditions under which the state obtained a \$2,300,000 loan from the members of the St. Louis Clearing House, to pay off the debts of the state, were that there should be no over-appropriations which might prevent the state from paying the claims taken up by a St. Louis bank the latter part of the year 1918.

The appropriations, not including one-third of all receipts for public schools, total \$13,011,831, which is over \$1,900,000 in excess of the revenues from present sources.

With two dissenting votes, Representative Whitaker's bill abolishing the death penalty vote in Missour was passed by the senate. The late John Whitaker, his father, when a member of the house, secured the passage of the present law, making it optional with the jury whether life imprisonment or the death penalty is inflicted in capital cases.

Important Laws Enacted. The more important laws enacted

are: State tax commission, state prison board, with provision of funds to employ convicts at state work instead of leasing them to private contractors; state highway board in charge of the construction of state roads, with establishment of a means by which the state can receive federal aid for roads; tax of 75 cents on the \$1,000 of capital and surplus of corporations; tax on incomes; tax on all Inheritances; tax of 15 cents on the \$100 valuation of bonds owned in the state; on whisky; increased saloon license; mine inspection tax; tax on soft drinks; a prohibition of the infliction of the death penalty; higher standard of dentistry examinations; any county to vote to maintain a publie hospital; vocational educational bills, under which Missouri can refederal aid for vocational training in the public schools; stronger hotel inspection law; \$300,000 appropri ated for furnishing the new capitol; permission of the board of education of St. Louis to pay transportation of poor children to and from school; Hawes I. V. L. bill, prohibiting the circulation of anonymous literature during a political campaign; employment of convicts on the public roads authorized; regulation of the shipment and handling of milk, cream and icecream; permission for officers in St. Louis police stations to accept cash bonds in misdemeanor cases; prohibition of the extortion of confessions by the police; establishment of high schools for colored students in St. Loluis county authorized; September 28 established as Francis Willard day in the public schools; regulation of purchase and sale of firearms; prosecuting atorney of St. Louis county prohibited from engaging in the private practice of law; automobile licenses doubled; permission for challengers and watchers at the polls in constitutional amendment elections; permission for the contesting of constitutional amendment elections; women made eligible to membership on school boards; department of food and drug inspection put under state board of agriculture; the reorganization of the Missouri naval reserve to meet the requirements of the national defense act; removal of municipally-owned public utilities from the jurisdiction of the public service comtingent fund for the prosecuting attorney of St. Louis county; providing that court records and papers may be made by photographic process; establishment by the state of a home for neglected and homeless children; authorization to countles to grant pensions to neglected mothers or who may have been deserted; repeal of law prohibiting foreign corporations The aide left the room. Vandervyn law prohibiting foreign corporations tion. (This law is said to have pre-

> The following are among the constitutional amendments which will be

> Authorizing a special tax levy of 75 's on the \$100 valuation for road · by vote of special road disate-wide prohibition to become enective November, 1918; levyvaluation for road purposes and levyvaluation for the public schools.

APPROPRIATIONS MADE.

Following are appropriations 4 made from the revenues by 4 the legislature: Pay of civil salaries. \$1,272,100 Support of the elec-

marynary institutions 1,873,778 Pay of salaries and expenses of legislatur) 310,000

Pay of state debts.. 1,805,631 Pay of state deficiencles 444,464

State penitentiary, salaries and equip-750,000 ment Support of national

265,000 guard Support of state educational institutions 2,679,241 Assessing and collecting revenues 400,000 4

List of New Laws.

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Following is a summary of measures passed by the legislature. House Bills.

Promote safety of employes and pas-Creating park fund for city of St. Registration, advertising and licensing of stillions.

Increasing powers of state board of fund commissioners. St. Joseph empowered to purchase wa-

Improvement of streets in city of St

remailiting of circulation of anonymous Changing time of holding court in twenty-fourth circuit. Changing time of holding court in thirty-first judicial circuit.

Election of township committeemen. Renewal of third-grade teachers' cer-Establishment of county hospitals.

Organization of mutual indemnity as-sociations. Changing "open" season for taking fur-bearing animals.

Amending the law on contest of wills. University cadet corps. Changing end of fiscal year of state from December 31 to June 30.

Relating to license power of cities of the taird clars. Cites of third class authorized to issue bonds to meet judgments.

Amending state aid law for public schools

Prohibiting drawing of check, draft or order with intent to defraud. Empowering Confederate Soldiers' Home to lease for mining purposes part of its land.

Amending the law relating to forgery the second degree. Tax levy for creeting school houses and similar purposes. Amending and revising the road over-

Authorizing employment of convicts on Disincorporation of special road dis-

Relating to election of officers of cites under special charter. Sewer districts in cities under special charter.

Condemnation of property in cities under special charter.

Revision of the general road laws.

Regulating shipment and handling of milk, cream and ice cream. Amending charities and corrections

Amending consolidated schools and ru-ral high schools laws.

Fixing liability of persons collecting checks, drufts or other orders of corporations and firms. Amending law on ball bonds applicable to city of St Louis.

Providing for registration of bottle and trade marks.

Empowering cities of the fourth class to regulate the running at large of fowls and domestic animals in corporate lim-Prohibiting extertion of confessions by

School districts in cities of 75,000 and less than 500,000.

Amending assentee voting law.

High schools for colored children in St. Louis county. Regulating sale of commercial feeding stuffs. Frances E. Williard Day in public chools. Mine inspection tax.

Revising and amending code of den-tal laws, Secured debt tax act.

Amending school law relating to dis-position of tuition fees. Regulating sale of revolvers.
Revising hotel inspection law.
Substitute for Iss.—Increasing pay of
Louis police officers.
Special read districts.

Amending public service commission law by requiring appellant to pay court docket fee of \$25.

Taxing wholesale liquor dealers.
Amending probate law.
Eale of real estate of minor ward by guardish or curator.

Elimnating women from limitations in real suits. Release of deeds of trust, etc., by cor-

orations, Corporation franchise tax. Levying a tax on all inheritances, Automobile license and registration

Creating a state highway department (Hawes bill).
Act enabling Kansas City and Jackson county to consulidate governments—op-

tional.

Creating state tax commission.
Establishing vocational educational
facilities in this state.
Increasing state dramshop license.
Disposition of insurance money for
burned county buildings.
Fermitting challengers and watchers in
polls at constitutional amendment elections.

County treasurer interest tax law.
Amending peddiers' license tax law.
Creating liens for work of blacksmith.
Authorizing aministrators and counters to pay for tombstones out of estate of deceased. Increasing pay of township assessors conform to county assessors. Summer school in high school for

teacher training.

Placing food and drug inspection under board of agriculture.

Optional bounty by counties for killing hawks and owls.

Free transportation of school children in St. Louis.

Board to ascertain money necessary for support of police force templies only to teacher training.

support of police force (applies only to St. Joseph).

Enabling members of the Missouri national guard absent from state on duty to register and cast their votes.

Establishing "Bird Day" in the public though it soully and remove from the schools. schools.

Providing for reorganization of the tomtom. Yu.c.n say this fir the Missouri naval reserve to conform to banks. I a say have to a melodical

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against cutile running at large is wat setting aside 5 per cent of receipts of name department as fund for creation public park and game preserve. Senate Bills.

Transportation of school children in ensolidated districts. Extending powers of county courts in corporation of cities.

Amending law relating to cities of hird class. Establishing tward for all penal instiutions.
Providing method of contesting elec-ions for amendments to state constitu-

Making it optional with the public Making it optional with the public service commission the amount of stock hat foreign corporations may hold in dissouri corporations. Froviding for annexation adjacent ter-itory by school district. Removing municipally owned water dants from jurisdiction of public serv-ce commission.

e commission. Contest of constitutional amendment elections.

Providing traveling expenses and clerical help for county superintendent of public schools.

Increasing maximum allowance for board of prisoners to 75 cents.

For ilberal construction of statutes and common law,

Simplifying form for order of publication in land cases,

Authorizing release of Missouri Pacific Authorizing release of Missouri Pacific Authorizing release of Missouri Pacific

tion in land cases.
Authorizing release of Missouri Pacific Will mortgage. (Vetced.)
Organization of mutual automobile insurance companies.
Wolf scalp bounty of \$10.
Employe of collection agency cannot be deputy constable.
Regulating care and treatment of delinquent children.
Regulation of fraternal benificiary societies. Providing for photographic copy of court records and papers. Organization of consolidated rural high

chools.

Providing for levying of an income tax.

Establishing a home by the state for regisered and homeless children.

Granting a pension to needy mothers.

Removing age limit for receiving deaf public for taxes such as pupils in state school For treatment and correction of de-

linquent minors over 18.
Regulating admission to Missour School for Blind. regulating admission to aliasour chool for Blind. State heard of health to create divi-ion of child hygiene. Regulating adoption of children. Guardians of friendless children.

Amending the law regulating the con-test of wills.

Liens for repairs and storing of ve-Assessment of property for municipal mprovements.
Centralizing administration of the antitrust laws.

Probabiliting formation of school dis-tricts with a valuation of less than \$50. 090, and an enumeration of less than 20 ope, and an enumeration of less than 28 pupils.

Taxation of "soft drinks" ranging from half a cent per gailon on finished products to 5 cents on ingredients in gelatin form.

Amending the law relating to conveyances of real estate.

Authorizing county courts to aid farmers' institutes.

Abolishing death penalty.

Fay patients in sinte hospitals may be made county patients.

Providing for reorganization of national guard to conform to national defense act.

Creating statute revision committee. Constitutional Amendments.

Joint and concurrent resolutions were passed by the assembly submitting amendments to the constitution to be voted upon at the election held in No-vember, 1918, as follows:

Senate joint and concurrent resolution No. 5, authorizing by vote special tax levy in road districts of 75 cents on the \$100 valuation for road purposes in the district where levy is made. district where levy is made.

House joint and concurrent resolution, submitting state-wide prohibition, to be voted upon in November 1918. If carried, the amendment will become effective November 1, 1919. It prohibits the manufacture, sale of giving away of intexicants.

Secretary, resolution No.

Senate resolution No. 6, by Senator Carter, to levy a state tax of 10 cents on the \$100 valuation for road purposes. Senate resolution No. 3, Mitchell, re-pealing section 11 of article X of the con-stitution reinting to revenue and taxa-tion and enacting a new section. Senate resolution No. 4, Senator Cook,

Senate resolution No. 4, Senator Cook, provising for an amendment to the constitution for levying a tax of 15 cents on the \$100 valuation for support of the public schools.

House resolution No. 8, Representative Balley, allowing cites between 2,000 and 30,000 to exceed the debt limit now pre-scribed for the purpose of building or purchasing water, electric light and oth-er public utility plants.

A Great Reasoner,

"You must admit that Bligging is a great reasoner."

"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum; "he's a wonderful reasoner. He can decide on what conclusion is favorable to his interests, and then reason a proposition out that way, every time."

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